

# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

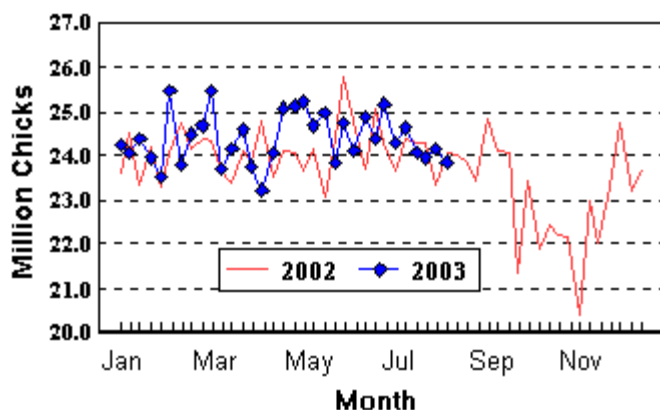
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.9 million during the week ending August 16, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from both the comparable week in 2002, and from the previous week, and included 2.6 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through August 16, 2003 were 805.0 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.4 million, up 2 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down fractionally from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.7 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.0 percent.

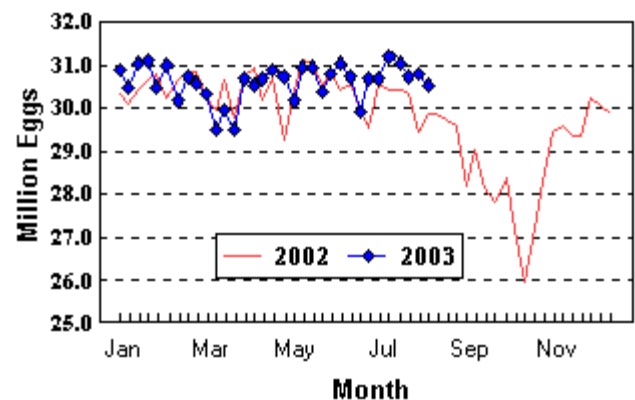
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 16, 2003, up 2 percent from the same period last year, but down 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Jul. 12	23,672	24,296	103	25,372	25,097	99	30,567	30,669	100
Jul. 19	24,387	24,630	101	24,901	24,754	99	30,449	31,196	102
Jul. 26	24,316	24,079	99	24,529	25,245	103	30,422	31,054	102
Aug. 2	24,298	23,944	99	25,242	25,150	100	30,322	30,749	101
Aug. 9	23,352	24,152	103	25,045	25,555	102	29,454	30,785	105
Aug. 16	24,059	23,861	99	25,003	25,442	102	29,877	30,529	102

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2002-2003



EGGS SET, 2002 - 2003



**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003**

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	26-Jul	02-Aug	09-Aug	16-Aug		12-Jul	19-Jul	26-Jul	02-Aug	09-Aug	16-Aug	
Alabama	29,015 *	29,068	29,273	29,323	100	21,518	21,614	21,796	21,554	21,919	21,844	101
ARKANSAS	31,054	30,749	30,785	30,529	102	24,296	24,630	24,079	23,944	24,152	23,861	99
Delaware	3,903	3,876	3,877	3,948	111	5,384 *	5,417	5,346	5,144	4,726 *	4,744	83
Florida	1,353 *	1,346	1,353	1,354	59	1,784	1,601	1,894	1,608	1,650	1,686	80
Georgia	32,643 *	32,316	32,707	32,127	103	25,263	25,196	25,391 *	25,548 *	26,285 *	26,208	101
Kentucky	6,742	6,720	6,831	6,736	100	5,330	5,122	5,179	5,733	5,863 *	6,028	100
Maryland	9,467	9,492	9,402 *	9,249	93	5,878 *	5,169	5,541	5,985	6,568 *	6,584	115
Mississippi	19,122 *	19,066	19,194	19,187	102	15,939	16,121	15,904	16,534	16,433	16,292	103
N. Carolina	17,588 *	17,523	17,295	17,481	95	14,966	13,487	14,060	13,084	14,000	14,072	96
Oklahoma	6,532	6,161	6,490	6,041	90	4,721	3,952	4,537	4,501	5,235	5,401	137
Pennsylvania	3,832 *	3,894 *	3,768 *	3,646	97	2,711	2,544	2,795 *	2,865 *	2,968 *	2,850	106
S. Carolina	4,528	4,542	4,393	4,535	91	4,555	4,355	4,014	4,460	3,608	4,145	97
Texas	14,721	14,460	14,482	14,413	99	12,332	11,542	12,275	12,131	12,309	12,221	105
Virginia	6,512	6,489	6,472	6,432	105	5,336	5,298	5,369	5,138	5,146 *	5,108	108
CA, LA, MO, IN, WV	20,086	20,480	20,316 *	20,237	102	19,176	18,820	18,818	18,812	18,853 *	18,178	93
Total 2003	207,098 *	206,182 *	206,638 *	205,238		169,189 *	164,868	166,998 *	167,041 *	169,715 *	169,222	
Total 2002	207,984	209,004	205,483	206,097		168,933	166,514	167,733	169,884	168,467	168,271	
%Prev. Year	100	99	101	100		100	99	100	98	101	101	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						30-Aug	06-Sep	13-Sep	20-Sep	27-Sep	04-Oct	

\* Revised.      1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

**EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY**

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 205 million eggs during the week ending August 16, 2003. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

**BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 16, 2003. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through August 16, 2003 were 5.55 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.